

Telephone conversation with Dr. Maurice B. Visscher - March 3, 1966.

He says I can get information in detail from Dr. Walter Riker of Cornell.

Dr. Visscher: There isn't a State in the Union where dog stealing is not a crime with existing law, and now they are demanding other kinds of laws to prevent it and the reality is that they are unquestionably demanding these other kinds of laws in order to make it more difficult for us, other than to clear up the dog stealing problem. But, we're going to have to go along with some kind of law, Clarence.

Dr. Dennis: Well, what about that law that was put in by, what was his name, Roybal?

Dr. Visscher: That had nothing to do with procurement. Riker can tell you what came on in the meetings of this Committee of which he is Chairman for the NSMR. We don't have to go over this on the long distance phone. You can get this from him.

Dr. Dennis: Yes, I'll call him.

Dr. Visscher: I can tell you very briefly that it is something like this. We're going to approve a non-discriminatory dog and cat dealer law that will not single out dealers who sell animals to us, but will take all dealers of all uses into account. We're going to let them have that if they want it. I'm not sure they'll pass that, but unless we're willing to have some kind of legislation, my fear is that they're going to push the existing bills over and just say the hell with you, they way they said - this is what they said to me in Washington when we had to tell the doctors where to get off on Medicare we'll have to do the same to you. That Medicare fight didn't do us a bit of good.

Dr. Dennis: No, it didn't do a bit of good.

Dr. Visscher: They're holding everything else against us. Well, I would love to see you in Washington.

Dr. Dennis: Do you suppose it could be set up in such fashion that I would testify on Tuesday but not on Monday?

Dr. Visscher: You can call - if you decide to try to testify you call the person who is setting up the hearings in Washington and say you'd like to testify on Tuesday.

Dr. Dennis: Alright.

Dr. Visscher: You can do that.

Dr. Dennis: I can.

Dr. Visscher: Yes.

Dr. Dennis: Alright, I think I'll do that Maurice.

Phone conversation with Dr.Visscher (continued)

Dr.Visscher: OK.

Dr.Dennis: Good. Where is everybody staying?

Dr.Visscher: I'm staying at the DuPont-Plaza where we're having this meeting.

Dr.Dennis: Alright, I'll see if I can get in there. OK.Nice to talk with you.

Dr.Visscher: Hope you're feeling better Clarence.

Dr.Dennis: Yes. I still go to bed early, but I feel better. Hear you had this trouble once upon a time.

Dr.Visscher: Yes, I know about it.

Dr.Dennis: OK Maurice. Thank you very much.

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